



Broadview

GREEN GRID

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WELCOME

News You Can Use: Construction Checklist

- ✓ Holiday construction shutdowns: November 27th & 28th; December 20th – January 4th.
- ✓ SPU will continue to send regular Construction Updates with detailed construction information.
- ✓ Parking restrictions will be posted on streets under construction.
- ✓ If an emergency situation develops on the project during non-working hours, call 911. In a non-emergency situation, call SPU's 24-hour Operations Control Center (OCC): (206) 386-1230.

Happy Fall! Despite weather delays, the construction phase on 2nd Avenue NW is nearing completion! Since our September newsletter, the contractor has excavated the ponds, placed amended soils, installed all pipes and catchbasins, and placed the road edge definition and sidewalk. Weather permitting, as you read this, the new street paving will be complete. Most of the private driveways and walkways are in, and the contractor now only has to place the finishing touches. Upon construction completion, the planting phase can begin. We have ordered all the plants and Seattle Conservation Corps crews could begin planting along 2nd Avenue NW as early as December.

Meanwhile, the contractor has started work on Palatine Avenue N. Pond excavation is occurring, and pipe and catch basin installation will take place next. Placement of amended soil and rockery will follow. The next steps will be installation of concrete road



edge definition and sidewalks. Weather permitting, Palatine Avenue N construction could be complete by year end. Phinney Avenue N construction could start as early as a week from now, barring additional weather-related delays.

Read on to find out how the combination of weather and holiday closures may affect the start of construction on 1st Avenue NW, and keep watching the Construction Updates for the latest information.

As always, don't hesitate to call or send me an email if you have any questions.

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SPOTLIGHT

Construction over the Holidays

The contractor will not work during two time periods over the holiday season. Construction will be stopped on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after (November 27th & 28th). Construction will also stop from Saturday, December 20th – Sunday, January 4th. During both these closures, evidence of construction will remain on the streets, but the streets will be considered open. As is the case after construction hours during the evening, you and your holiday visitors can park on the street during these construction shutdowns. The contractor will secure the job site and remove or identify known hazards before the holiday shutdowns, but you may still want to remind your guests that this is an active construction zone and to be on the alert for hazards.

Weather related delays

Weather affects the work that we can do. The functioning of a natural drainage system depends to

a large extent on the earth and the natural environment, and only relies on man-made items, like pipes and catch basins, to "connect the dots." The soils used cannot be placed or worked when they are extremely wet. All soils pack down more easily when they are wet, and packed soils have less empty spaces (pore spaces). These pore spaces are an important part of the natural drainage system because they store excess rainwater. The soils need to be worked and placed at a moisture condition that is not too wet, so that they don't pack too tightly and eliminate the "pore spaces."

Likewise, the soils cannot be worked if they are frozen, so a cold snap, where it stays below freezing for several days, could also delay the contractor. Where possible, the contractor will try to complete other work items when the soils cannot be worked. ☘

UTILITIES UPDATE

Potential disruptions and what to do

In previous newsletters we talked to you about planned utility disruptions to accommodate the project. In the case of a planned disruption, you will be notified in advance when the disruption will occur and if you will be impacted. With a project of this size, there is also the potential for accidental utility disruptions.

During construction projects we do our best to locate utilities before digging begins. However, sometimes the information we have is not as current or accurate as needed. The following is a reminder of what to do in the event that your sewer, water or natural gas is accidentally disrupted.

In most cases, the contractor will know if they have broken something and interrupted your service. If this happens, they will notify you and take care of the problem.

If a natural gas line is broken, the contractor will coordinate with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to reinstall or repair the line. The gas crews will offer to re-light your pilot lights, if you are home. If you are not home, and you are unable to re-light your pilot light(s), you will need to coordinate with PSE to schedule a time for them to return. PSE can be contacted at 1(888) 225-5773.

There is a chance that in the course of their work the contractor could impact your sewer service. If this happens, the contractor will knock on your door and ask you to discontinue use of your sewer for a certain amount of time. In other words, they may ask you not to flush, shower or do laundry. This will help the crews speed up the repair and cleanup. Please follow their instructions so that they can get your sewer service repaired quickly and efficiently.

There is also the potential for an accidental disruption to your water service. If this happens, the contractor and/or SPU will notify you and fix the problem. Please remember that after a disruption of water service your water may initially be discolored. We recommend that you let the water run until it runs clean before using it again.

Who to contact if you notice utility disruptions

If you become aware of a utility outage before the contractor does, please contact Jim on weekdays between 8 am – 5 pm, or SPU's Operations Control Center (OCC) at night and over the weekend. Jim or the OCC will be able to contact the appropriate person and/or dispatch an SPU maintenance crew to address the situation.

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